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Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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Agricultural Summary

Counties throughout the state this week have received some rainfall accompanied by cooler temperatures. Temperatures in some counties reached as low as 40 degrees with an average rainfall 1.3 inches for the month of September. The days suitable for work was 4.7 days, down 1.0 days from last week. Livestock conditions throughout the state continue to do well.

Field Crops Summary

Cache County has received copious amounts of water in recent days with unyielding storms. As such, all harvesting activities have stopped, and will continue to be halted until dryer conditions prevail. Farmers in Weber are finishing the corn harvest as well as the 4th cutting of the alfalfa harvest. Box Elder reports that the wet weather has continued to slow down the harvest of field crops. Onion producers report that some fields have been lifted but have not been hauled, but on a positive note Box Elder reports that onion prices are good for the year, especially the larger onions. Some grain corn has been cut, and more is expected to be cut this week. Hay activity is coming to an end in most counties as it gets harder to dry due to the cooler temperatures throughout the state. Beaver County reports that they have received colder than usual temperatures for this time a year. Some of the 3rd crop hay was rained on, but the county still needs more rain. Emery County reports that most crops have been harvested and producers are finishing irrigation of fields for the year.

Livestock Summary

Producers continue to move their livestock off summer ranges. Some producers have begun moving their livestock to desert ranges. Emery County reports that most ponds on the desert grazing areas have good water in them from the storms over the past several weeks, and most likely producers should not have to haul much water. Rich County has reported receiving between 2 to 3 inches of snow on the valley floor this week. Box Elder reports that their cattle will begin coming off summer ranges beginning the 1st of October.

Livestock Percent for Week Ending September 24, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	39	39	20	36
Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range	45	33	28	32

Crop Progress for Week Ending September 24, 2006

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Onions Harvested	59	43	54	64
Oats Harvested (Grain)	93	92	93	98
Winter Wheat Planted	43	19	57	47
Corn Dent Stage	93	85	71	79
Corn Mature	59	38	26	41
Corn Silage Harvested	59	38	33	51
Alfalfa Seed	59	48	54	52
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	41	23	32	38
Apple Harvested	54	52	37	41

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending September 24, 2006

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Range & Pasture	7	16	34	40	3
Corn	0	2	11	68	19
Sheep	0	0	9	82	9
Cattle/calves	0	1	14	70	15

Soil Moisture for Week Ending September 24, 2006

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Topsoil	2	14	77	7
Subsoil	2	32	66	0
Irrigation water supplies	14	22	64	0
Stock water supplies	2	20	77	1